

| Programme/Sub-Programme | Physical target (million hectares) |
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| EXPAND FOREST AREA | |
| a. Strip plantation | 0.02 |
| b. Village woodlots | 0.03 |
| c. Saline land development | 0.01 |
| d. Seeding for distribution | 1.82 |
| Sub-Total | 1.88 |
| Total: | 2.64 |

Vehicular pollution

4625. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have launched any concrete drive to control vehicular pollution in major cities, particularly in Delhi, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Mumbai, Bhubaneshwar, etc., so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any directions have been issued to the concerned State Governments in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made by different States in controlling vehicular pollution, particularly in Delhi; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) In order to control Vehicular Pollution in major cities, stringent emission norms have been notified under the Motor Vehicles Act for different categories of vehicles. The notification also stipulates and required fuel quality to meet the specified emission norms.

(c) to (e) The concerned implementing agencies in the State Governments including that of the National Capital Region, are required to implement the specified emission norms notified under

the Motor Vehicles Act. The steps taken by the Government to control vehicular pollution include the following:

- The ambient air quality is being monitored regularly through a network of monitoring stations under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme.
- Promotion of clean fuels such as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) as auto fuels.
- Unleaded petrol has been introduced with effect from 1.2.2000 in the entire country.
- Low sulphur fuel has been introduced in major cities.
- Fiscal incentives are available for use of CNG/LPG kits.
- Non benzene petrol has also been introduced in some metropolitan cities.
- Optimization of traffic and improvements in traffic management system.
- Checking adulteration of fuels.

Due to various measures taken, the air pollution levels in respect of certain parameters have come down in Delhi.

Killing of animals in zoological parks

4626. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether brutal killing of large number of animals in different zoological parks of the country was reported during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;
- (b) if so, the details of such killings, zoological parks-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether any enquiry had been ordered in each case;
- (d) if so, the result of such enquiries incident-wise;
- (e) whether staff/persons responsible for such killings have been punished;